Primary schools in Tribal areas

1536. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the state- wise number of primary schools and what number out of them in each State/Union Territories are situated in tribal, hilly and desert areas which require special attention;

(b) what number out of them in each State, are not holding any building;

(c) whether all primary schools were to be covered under Operation Blackboard in 20% and 30% blocks/municipal areas in 1987-88 and in 1988-89, respectively, in the country; what number in each State/ Union Territory were covered in each of the two years; and

(d) what is the State-wise target for 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the Fifth All India Educational Survey conducted by N.C.E.R.T. there are 5,29,392 primary schools in the country as on 30-9-1986. The State-wise details as well as the position of buildings in the schools are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 83]. No separate information is collected in respect of tribal, hilly or desert areas

(c) The scheme of Operation Blackboard aims to cover all schools in 20% of Blocks/Municipal areas in 1987-88 and 30% in 1988-89. The number of schools covered in 1987-88 and 1988-89 so far are given in statement attached (*See* below).

(d) Sanctions are issued on the basis of proposals made by individual State Governments and approved by the State Level empowered Committee against the overall national target. Therefore, individual State-wise targets cannot be fixed in advance.

Statement

OPERATION BLACKBOARD

Coverage during 1987-88 and 1988-89

Sl. No.	Name of State / UT	No. of Schools covered in 1987-88		No. of Schools covered in 1988-89*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6352	—	13002
2.	Assam	7014	—	—
3.	Bihar	13270	—	—
4.	Gujarat	4769	—	—
5.	Haryana	959	—	1413
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1984	—	2010
7.	Jammu & Kahmir	1320	—	—
8.	Karnataka	2473	—	5247
9.	Kerala	1467	—	2243
10.	Madhya Pradesh	13926	—	19086

Sl. No.	Name of State / UT	No. of Schools covered in 1987-88	No. of Schools covered in 1988-89*
11.	Maharashtra	6723	—
12.	Manipur	541	954
13.	Meghalaya	766	—
14.	Nagaland	311	370
15.	Orissa	7377	8109
16.	Punjab	4737	—
17.	Rajasthan	12187	5011
18.	Sikkim	509	—
19.	Timil Nadu	5995	8212
20.	Tripura	421	—
21.	Uttar Pradesh	18924	20509
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	353	244
23.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17	—
24.	Delhi	668	—
25.	Goa	169	265
26.	Lakshadweep	19	—
27.	Mizoram	166	—
28.	Pondicherry	—	243
29.	Daman & Diu	—	32
30.	West Bengal	—	11139
	TOTAL	113417	98089

* The figures given referred to sanctions by state level empowered Committees.

Hovercraft Transport System Between Calcutta and Haldia

1537. SMT. SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce the Hovercraft transport system between Calcutta and Haldia port to overcome the difficulties posed by the present transport system between these two places;

(b) if so; by when the system is proposed to be introduced;

(c) whether there are any plans to introduce the Hovercraft system in any other part of the country so as to solve the present transport problems caused by traffic congestion, etc.; and

(d) if not, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has made a proposal to introduce hovercraft service between Calcutta and Haldia.

(c) and (d) Government has given permission to two private companies for acquisition of two hovercrafts each for operation between Bhavnagar and Surat and *vice-versa*. These companies are yet to acquire these hovercrafts.